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LOK SABHA

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MULBERRY PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to bring more area of land under Mulberry plantation in the country;

(b) if so, the package assistance likely to be provided for this purpose;

(c) whether the State Governments have submitted any proposal in this regard;and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHUR1A)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Considering the potential for expansion of sericulture in the country and with a view to provide/improve livelihoods besides increasing income of the poor people in rural areas, it is proposed to increase the area under mulberry food plants from 1.92 lakh ha. (2006-07) to 2.18 lakh ha. during the XI Plan.

In order to increase the area under food plants, enhance the production,productivity and quality of silk, the Government of India through Central Silk Board is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) during XI Plan in collaboration with the State Governments.The packages under CDP covers three major areas-Seed sector,Cocoon sector and Post-cocoon sector and will be supplemented by other components of Support Services,which are common to all packages.

The package under Seed sector will have Schemes for seed production in the Public/Private sector and/or with public/private partnership in case of Mulberry sector and through support for private Graineurs under Vanya Sector.

The package under cocoon sector is basically oriented towards expansion of area under cultivation besides increasing the production and productivity of cocoons both under mulberry and vanya silk sectors.The package supports schemes for food plant development,irrigation facilities, construction of rearing houses,supply of rearing equipments/improved mountages,disinfectants, chawkie rearing centers, with the essential insurance coverage.

Package for post-Cocoon sector covers Schemes for silk reeling & spinning, silk weaving,silk wet processing and bye-product utilization and also for marketing support.

The Government of India has approved an outlay of Rs. 1476.24 crores during the XI Plan,of which Central Government share is Rs. 661.62 crores.

(c)&(d): Yes,Sir.CSB has received proposals from different State Governments for release of funds under CDP.Based on the proposals received from the States, during the first year of the XI Plan period (2007-08),CSB has released its share of Rs. 80.82 crores towards implementation of various schemes/components under CDP and,for the current year 2008-09, a sum of Rs. 30.76 crores have been released to different State Governments.